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SUBJ: AUSTRALIAN AID TO NORTH AND SOUTH VIET-NAM

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1. AUSTRALIAN BUDGET FOR FY1974 CONTAINS NEW ITEM ENTITLED QTE SPECIAL AID TO INDO-CHINA END QTE FOR WHICH A\$3 MILLION PROVIDED. GOVERNMENT BUDGET PAPER PUBLISHED AUG 21 STATES THAT EXPENDITURES ON AID TO NORTH VIETNAM AND REGIONAL RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS WILL BE FINANCED UNDER THIS ITEM.

2. EMBOFF PASSED TO DFA (LAURIE, ASST SEC, SOUTHEAST ASIA MAINLAND BRANCH) ON AUG 10 SUBSTANCE OF REFTTEL. LAURIE INFORMED US THAT GOA WOULD PROVIDE NORTH VIET-NAM WITH A\$683,000 IN ROOFING MATERIALS DESIGNED TO HELP HOMELESS. GOA REGARDS THIS AS HUMANITARIAN AID TO MEET REAL NEED AND HAS MADE ONLY BRIEF PUBLIC REFERENCE TO THIS AID. AID IS CONSEQUENCE OF VISIT TO HANOI (FOLLOWING VISIT TO SAIGON) BY POSTMASTER GENERAL LIONEL BOWEN IN LATE JUNE. GVN EMBASSY SAIGON INFORMS

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US THAT THEY HAVE BEEN AWARE OF GOA AID PROGRAM FOR

NORTH VIET-NAM AND THAT THEY HAVE NO PARTICULAR CONCERN
ABOUT IT.

3. LAURIE WAS UNSURE OF HOW ECONOMIC AID TO SOUTH VIET-
NAM WOULD DEVELOP IN THIS FISCAL YEAR. PROBLEM IN PAST
HAS BEEN TO SPEND MONEY ACTUALLY EARMARKED FOR ECONOMIC
AID.
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